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**Poly4-thiouridylic acid or its polycytidine copolymer - useful as  
antivirals and serum cholesterol lowering agents**

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Pharmaceutical compsn. comprises poly-(4-thiouridylic acid) (I),  
opt. in the form of a copolymer with  $\leq 75\%$  polycytidine (II), together  
with a carrier. The (I) or the copolymer of (I) with (II) may be  
complexed with a colloidal complex of carboxymethylcellulose and  
polylysine.

The compsns. are antiviral and serum cholesterol lowering agents,  
esp. for treating influenza in animals as (I) is an inhibitor of  
influenza virus transcription.